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SUBJ: SPACE AGREEMENT: BIOLOGY & MEDICINE MEETING

1. VERESHCHETIN APPROACHED ME TODAY ABOUT NASA ATTITUDE ON SOVIET PROPOSAL TO HOLD NEXT SPACE BIOLOGY & MEDICINE MEETING IN TASHKENT. HE MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A) INTERKOSMOS WELCOMES MEETINGS OUTSIDE MOSCOW BECAUSE THEY EASE BURDEN ON HOTEL FACILITIES HERE AND ON SMALL INTERKOSMOS STAFF. HE SUGGESTED THAT HOST COUNTRY ENTITLED TO LARGE MEASURE OF DISCRETION IN SETTING MEETING SITE.

B) ARRANGEMENTS IN TASHKENT FAR ADVANCED AND CHANGE AT THIS TIME WOULD BE MAJOR EMBARRASSMENT TO GUROVSKIY AND TO LOCAL AGENCIES CONCERNED.

C) IF NASA INSISTS ON CHANGE IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO POSTPONE MEETING WHILE NEW ARRANGEMENTS MADE.

2. IN RESPONSE I A) EXPLAINED NASA POSITION CONTAINED IN WINTER TELEGRAM; B) SUGGESTED THAT THE FIVE WEEKS OR SO BEFORE SCHEDULED MEETING APPEARED TO OFFER AMPLE TIME FOR PLANNING NEW ARRANGEMENTS; AND C) PROMISED TO REPORT
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VERESHCHETIN POSITION TO NASA HEADQUARTERS WHERE HE COULD

BE ASSURED IT WOULD RECEIVE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION.

3. GUROVSKIY TELEPHONED LATER STRESSING EXTREME DIFFICULTY
OF CANCELING TASHKENT ARRANGEMENTS. HE ASSERTED THAT TASHKENT
AREA IS SEAT OF SEVERAL INSTITUTES ENGAGED IN SPACE BIOLOGY
AND MEDICINE RESEARCH OF INTEREST TO U.S. WORKING GROUP MEMBERS
AND THAT SPECIALISTS FROM THESE INSTITUTES WOULD ATTEND
MEETING. I ASKED FOR SPECIFICS, WHICH GUROVSKIY PROMISED
TO GIVE WINTER.
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